

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 7, replace the paragraph beginning on line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

--The amount of fatty acids (B) represents from 0 to 100%, advantageously 0 to 50%, by weight of the total weight of the fatty acids present in the polyol ester, and the amount of fatty acids (A) generally represents from 50 to 100%, preferably 50-75%, by weight relative to the total weight of the fatty acids of the coating composition.--

Page 8, replace the paragraph beginning on line 26 with the following amended paragraph:

--The most advantageous properties are obtained when the carboxylic acid is a dicarboxylic acid comprising a low number of carbon atom (e.g. a C₃-C₁₆ dicarboxylic acid), preferably less than 6. Oxalic acid and malic acid are among the acids preferred. The inventors think, without being bound by this theory, that introducing the dicarboxylic acids increases the flexibility of the molecules of the esterification product, either by condensation of the esters on themselves, by virtue of the presence of an additional reactive function borne by the dicarboxylic or polycarboxylic acid, or simply by esterification of an alcohol function of the polyol, with a short-chain dicarboxylic acid.--